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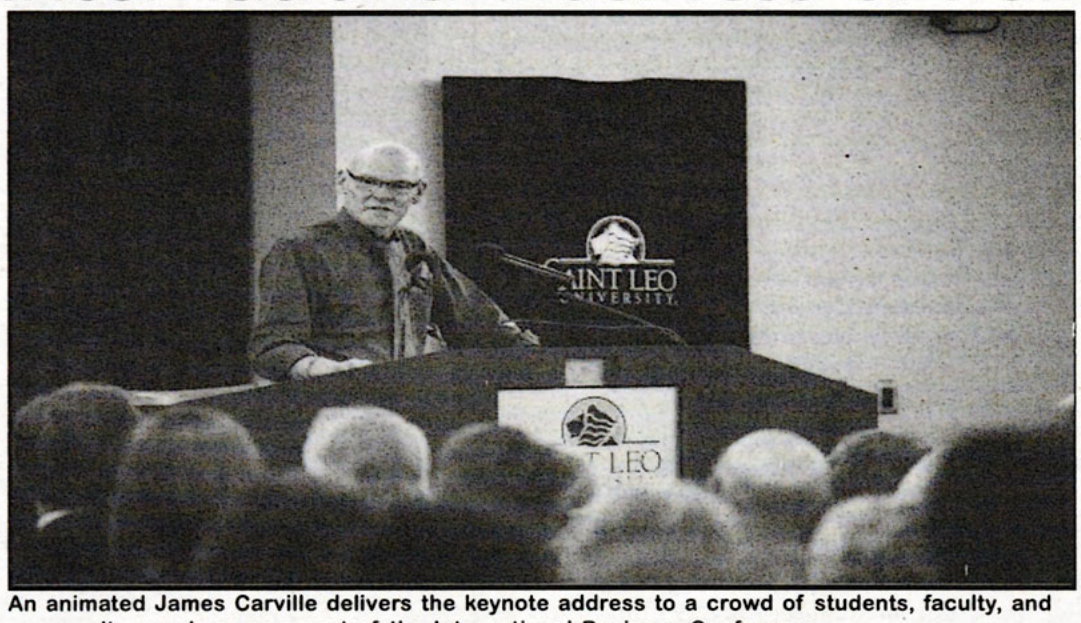

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An animated James Carville delivers the keynote address to a crowd of students, faculty, and community members as a part of the International Business Conference.

By Christine Bocchino

Contributing Writer

President Dr. Arthur Kirk, Jr walked up to the podium to introduce the high-profile keynote speaker. Overwhelmingly loud applause from the audience rang through the room as his first sentence barely escaped his lips.

"That's the best response I've had for the shortest speech I've given," Dr. Kirk joked as he proceeded to introduce the guest of honor.

The object of the audience's admiration was the well-known political consultant, James Carville. Carville spoke on Wednesday, Feb. 19 as a part of the International Business Conference. Most recognized for his success as Bill Clinton's presidential campaign manager, Carville is also a bestselling author, actor, and talk show host, among other accomplishments.

Carville lightened the mood with his explanation of the field of politics.

"Politics – 'poly-' means 'many' and we know that ticks are bloodsucking animals, so there you go," he joked.

Carville's statement reflects the opinions that many have regarding the field of politics; the stereotypical politician is deceitful and greedy, no matter what political party they may be associated with, though over the past few years, the importance of political parties has grown. The division is so apparent that it has appeared to many that no decisions are being made in D.C., especially because of the now-Republican-dominated Congress.

"Politics has become so divided, it looks like they don't talk to each other anymore," said Carville.

Carville's analysis of political division led to a discussion of one of the issues concerning many Americans as Barack Obama's last term ends – what now? Rumors have been flying about the 2016 Presidential election – predicted candidates including Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, and a possible comeback for Mitt Romney – and as any true political consultant, Carville offered up his expert opinion.

"The way the Republicans pick their candidate- it always goes to the old white guy. From 1944, every cycle, the Republicans picked the obvious person," said Carville. "It's interesting this time because it's not obvious."

Seemingly, the upcoming Presidential election even has Carville stumped, but even so, he still has a strong inclination of which political party will dominate.

"The electoral college inherently favors the Democrats," said Carville. "Since 1992, the Democrats have lost the popular vote once, in 2004."

Not only does Carville stress the importance of political party affiliation while revealing the tricks of the trade, but he also emphasizes the importance of money. To run a political campaign, especially for the Presidency, a huge amount of money is necessary. For this reason, most politicians either have money themselves or receive generous donations from wealthy individuals or groups.

"Instinctively, we all know over a period of time that it's corrosive that that few people give that much money to that endeavor," said Carville.

With all of this political wisdom from years in the field, Carville is repeatedly asked the same question, which an audience member posed during the keynote address – is there a future for you running another presidential campaign?

"I haven't done it since 1992," Carville responded. "I'm going to be 72 years old on Election Day. I'm pretty sure I don't know the Internet from the interstate."

The 2016 Presidential campaigns will not be seeing much of Carville, although he remains involved in politics, appearing on radio shows and talk shows to give his professional opinion.

Carville has additional reasons apart from his technological concerns, but with technology playing such an integral a role in communication, social media and the Internet are heavily relied upon in modern presidential campaigns. Although Carville has retired from campaigning, his passion for politics remains.

"Nobody had more fun doing what they do than James Carville," said Carville.

With a tactful sign-off, "I'm honored to be a part of the Speaker Series, and I thank y' all so much," he stepped off the podium to shake hands with his adoring fans.

Corrections for Feb. 13 Issue:

From West Point to Saint Leo University

The announcement was made Feb. 6th not the 8th

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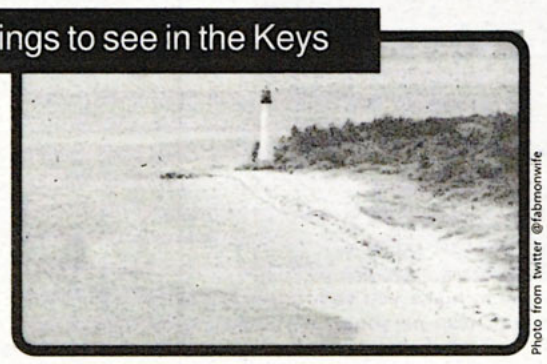

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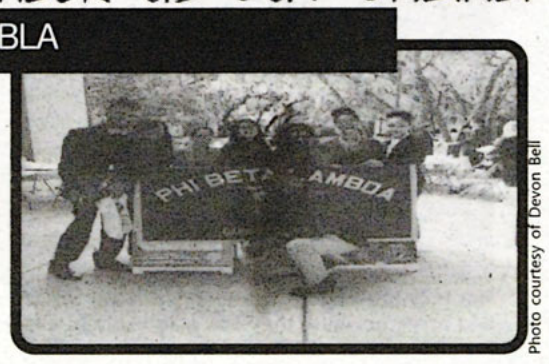

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Health

The Blues of the News

By Amber Fink
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As we flip through the channels on the television we see flashes of random and often negative images. A popular channel that consists of 90% negative information is the news channels.

Of course, it is wise to be educated and aware of what is going on locally and throughout the world. However, the negativity that the news gives off may affect one's outlook on life and the world that we live in. So how can we watch the news for educational purposes without becoming upset with what the world has come to? It is vital to analyze your current mindset prior to watching a news channel.

"From a psychological standpoint, this could affect people in at least a few different ways." said Psychology professor, Kevin Kieffer. "First, we know that the more exposure people have to violent content — whether that be through watching the news or via playing first person shooter video games — the more desensitized they become to the violent content. Watching news programs that cover violent content could also negatively affect people's mood states by increasing feelings of anxiety and depression."

The negative events happening in the world can remind us of past experiences when one experienced anxiety, sadness or anger. This can cause the viewer to potentially worry about past, current or future events. Often the news is emotionalized to create a more emotional outcome for the viewers.

In 1997, a study was conducted where there were 3 groups of people watching fourteen minute news clips: negative, positive and emotionally neutral. As predicted, the group that had watched the negative news experienced sadness and anxiety. Not only did the viewers experience sadness and anxiety, but they also experienced worrisome thoughts.

The news is all around us today, some of it is avoidable and some is not. So how can we listen to the news without letting it affect our mindset for the day or in general?

"I think that the simplest way to avoid overburdening oneself with negative content in the news is simply to skip those news stories which might have the proclivity to upset us. For myself personally, when I read the morning paper or scan news stories on the Internet during my lunch break, I simply avoid reading those stories that might cause me to experience negative emotions. We do not have to read every story just because it is printed there before us," Said Kieffer.

If the news impacts our attitude, Kieffer suggests, "focusing on important aspects of our lives and maintaining perspective are ways that we can try to mitigate the negative impact that watching the news can have on us".

The news can be a great resource to educate yourselves; however, if the negativity in some of the news stories affects one's attitude it can be easily avoided.

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Not only are negatively valenced news broadcasts likely to make you sadder and more anxious, they are also likely to exacerbate your own personal worries and anxieties.

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Editorial

Newfound Peace Between the U.S. and Cuba as per Pope Francis' Request

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In recent weeks, the United States and Cuba have officially decided to put aside their differences and make peace with one another. Political leaders of the two countries did not initially facilitate the agreement. The initial request for these two countries to wave the white flags was made by Pope Francis.

Pope Francis sent the request to the political capitals of the nations, Havana and Washington, D.C. In turn, both nations responded surprisingly positively and willing to comply. In the request, Pope Francis strongly urged both nations to set aside their differences that began over half a century ago, with the goal of the global greater good in mind. The Pope also requested that the connection and good graces among Cubans and Americans be restored.

The first event that began the normalization process among the American and Cuban nations was a prisoner exchange. Cuba released imprisoned U.S. agent Alan Gross who had been captured since late 2009. Gross had been given a sentence of fifteen years in prison for aiding some divisions of the Cuban opposition, as part of work for the State Department to bring about change to the regime in Cuba. Cuba also released Rolando Trujillo Sarraff, another U.S. agent who had been imprisoned for almost twenty years, in addition to an estimated fifty more prisoners.

In exchange, Washington, D.C. released Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, and Gerardo Hernández, three Cuban agents that had been serving what were supposed to be life sentences since 1998. The three men were caught and captured by the U.S. as a result of them infiltrating groups of Cuban exiles associated with terrorist attacks on Cuba. This exchange did not happen quickly or easily, though; secret meetings of negotiation had been taking place for months. These prisoner exchanges were considered ones of historic importance, as the relationship between the American and Cuban nations was a sour one for a very long time.

The next item to be handled on the road to normalization was ending the all-too-outdated policy of isolationism towards Cuba. President Obama stated that continuing to follow an old policy of cruelty and isolation towards Cuba that dates back to the Cold War age by cutting them off from American practices altogether is counterproductive. The President also felt that this policy makes the U.S. appear weak and immature to the international community. The goal this policy was originally intended to meet was to overthrow the Cuban government. This effort was obviously not met, which lead to its eventual termination

The U.S. has been the sole country in the region of the Americas that lacks normal and civil relations with Cuba for quite some time now. The U.S. government has continuously been reprimanded by countries all over the globe for its sanctions on Cuba. One specific example of this castigation occurred in 2014. According to an article published by the United Nations' website, for the twenty-third year in a row, one hundred and eighty eight countries voted against the U.S.' sanctions on the Cuban nation. This vote took place at the annual U.N. General Assembly meeting in 2014. The U.S.' policy of isolationism clearly did not work in the way it was intended, which is why President Obama stated that it was time for a new and different approach. The lifting of the Cuban embargo is intended to establish normalcy between the American and Cuban nations, through civil diplomatic and trade relations.

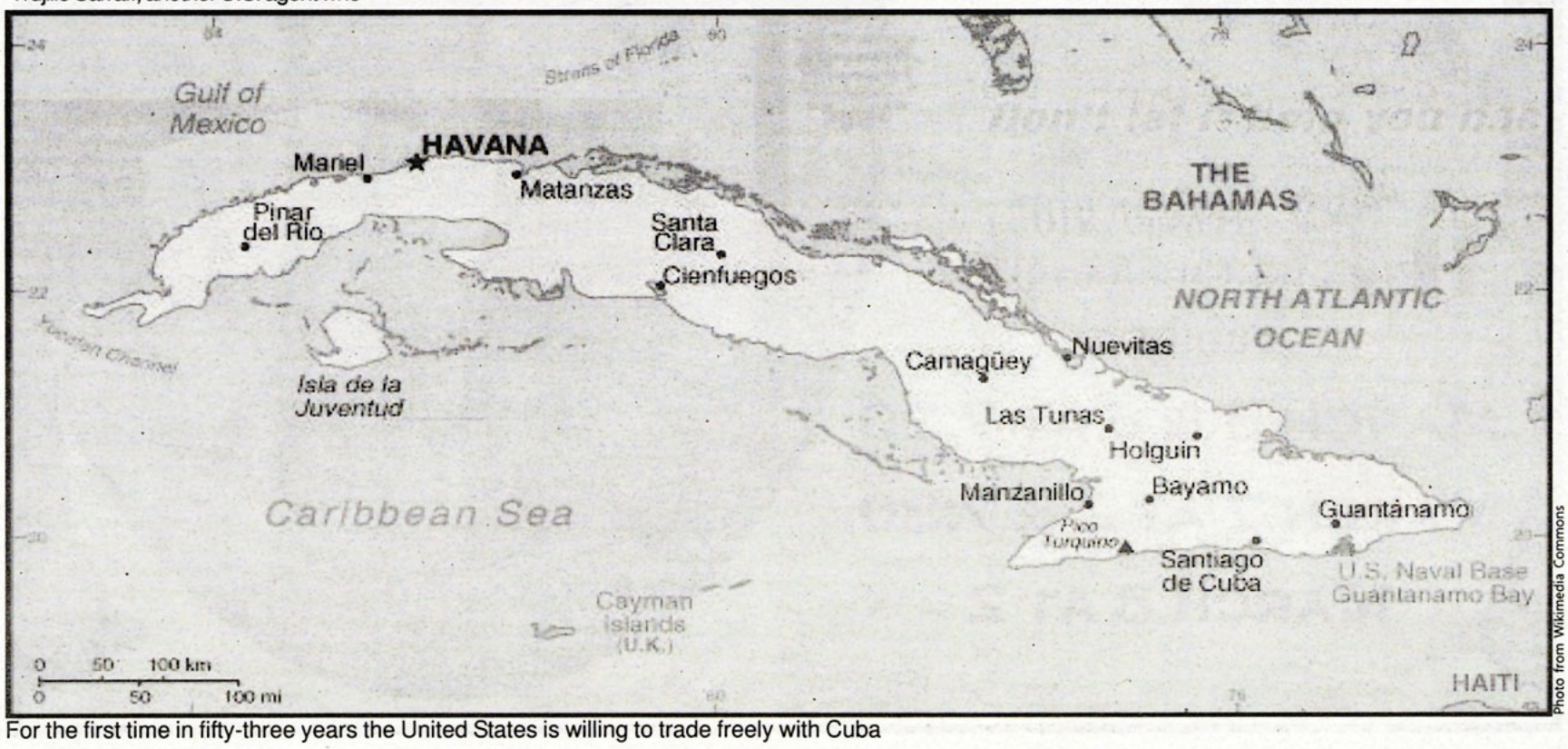
Finally, as a result of ending the U.S.' embargo on Cuba, peaceful and civil conversation between the two nations will be revived. In addition, President Obama's petition to lawmakers to begin the relaxation and eventual termination of economic sanctions will commence. The formalization of the opening of an American embassy in Cuba's capital took place in January of 2015. Also, according to Secretary of State John Kerry's press statement regarding the announcement of the Cuba policy changes, Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere Roberta Johnson will, "…lead the U.S. Delegation to the next round of U.S.-Cuba Migration Talks." Both the American and Cuban nations have agreed upon amicably tackling issues such as immigration action, healthcare, the threat of terrorism, a common natural disaster relief policy, and drug trafficking.

Other perks of this new peaceful and diplomatic relationship include the U.S.' relaxation of travel restrictions to Cuba for American citizens, the permission of U.S. citizens to import goods from Cuba that are priced at up to four hundred dollars, and the extension of the range of exportable goods as per the request of American business men and women. In addition, financial transactions between Americans and Cubans will be implemented and U.S. businesses will now be allowed to begin relations with Cubans.

Father Michael Cooper of Saint Leo University remarked, "Well, I'm in favor of it [the peace agreement between the U.S. and Cuba] and everything that Pope Francis is doing. I think this is just another example of the Catholic Christian faith not only being an in house church, but one that also works for human development and peace. I appreciate what Francis did and his acting as a leader of the world church. He is involved not only in religious commitment, but also touching on all of the key issues of the world. I actually have a Cuban friend that is planning on going back to Cuba to bury his uncle now that the embargo has been lifted."

To clarify, American and Cuban relations officially went sour in January of 1961. Relations between the two nations had been deteriorating since Fidel Castro came to power in early 1959. United States' officials began to fear that Castro's regime was causing Cuba to become an entirely too anti-American nation, and therefore could not be trusted. Also, after Castro's rise to power Cuba began to establish relations with the Soviet Union, signing a trade treaty with the USSR per Castro's decision. Following this, President Eisenhower's administration began to fund and train Cuban exiles to overthrow Castro and in response, Castro simply strengthened the socialistic and communistic qualities of Cuba. The United States then began to cut back on trade with the nation and finally severed any and all diplomatic ties with Cuba on January 3, 1961. This split symbolized that the U.S. was willing and able to take extreme measures to fight Fidel Castro's regime, which U.S. officials worried was the beginning of the formation of a communistic enemy in the West.

Newfound peace between nations is always a good thing and only strengthens international unity. The world is stronger and more united because of Pope Francis, American and Cuban government officials, and everyone involved who helped make this peace agreement happen.



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For the first time in fifty-three years the United States is willing to trade freely with Cuba

Science

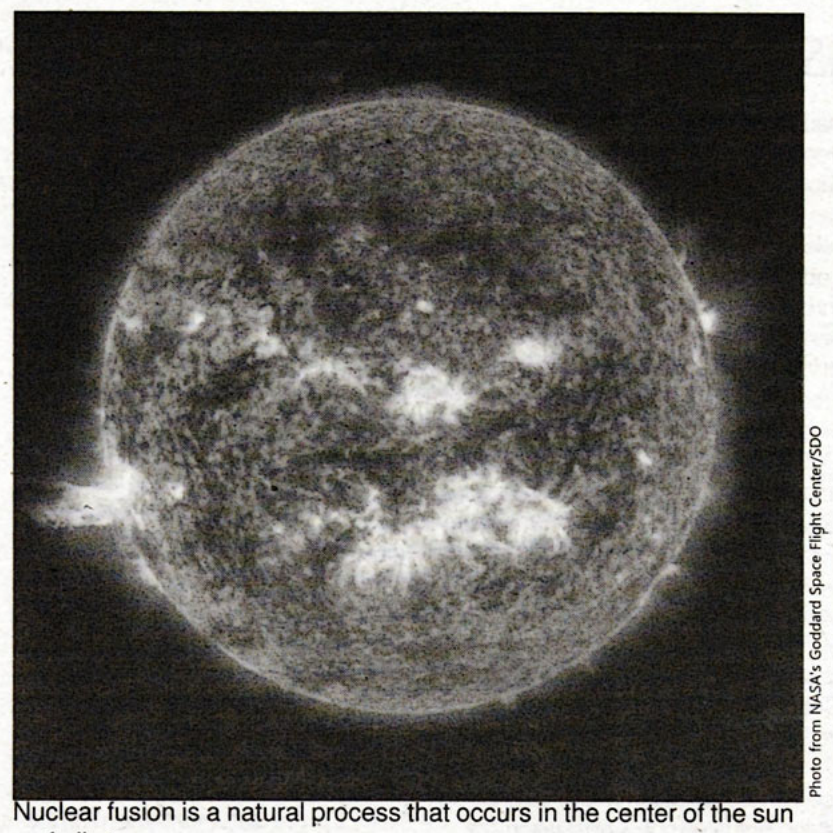
The Future of Technology: Sustainable Fusion

By Nicole Alvarez
Contributing Writer

Is it possible that technology will be able to artificially produce the same energy as the sun? Scientists around the world are researching new technologies to make just that possible. Just think of it, a time when cars and computers alike will be powered by the sun's energy.

Scientists, research teams, and government projects are working to come up with new technology so one day we can live off of the sun's energy, or nuclear fusion. The nuclear power plants in the U.S. alone produce 30% of the world's nuclear generated electricity according to the World Nuclear Association. The 99 power plants in the U.S. produce electricity using nuclear fission, not nuclear fusion. As of right now, the practical use of nuclear fusion to produce electricity is decades away.

The International Energy Agency states that nuclear fission is the process of when the nucleus of an atom splits apart into two or more nuclei. The process of splitting releases a large amount of energy. That energy is captured and used to generate electricity. Nuclear fusion is the direct opposite of nuclear fission. Instead of an atom's nucleus splitting apart, the nuclei of two atoms are fused together to become one new atom with one nuclei. This process also releases a large amount of energy. In fact, nuclear fusion generates more energy than nuclear fission does. Nuclear fusion, also, does not produce the nuclear waste that is another end product of nuclear fission.



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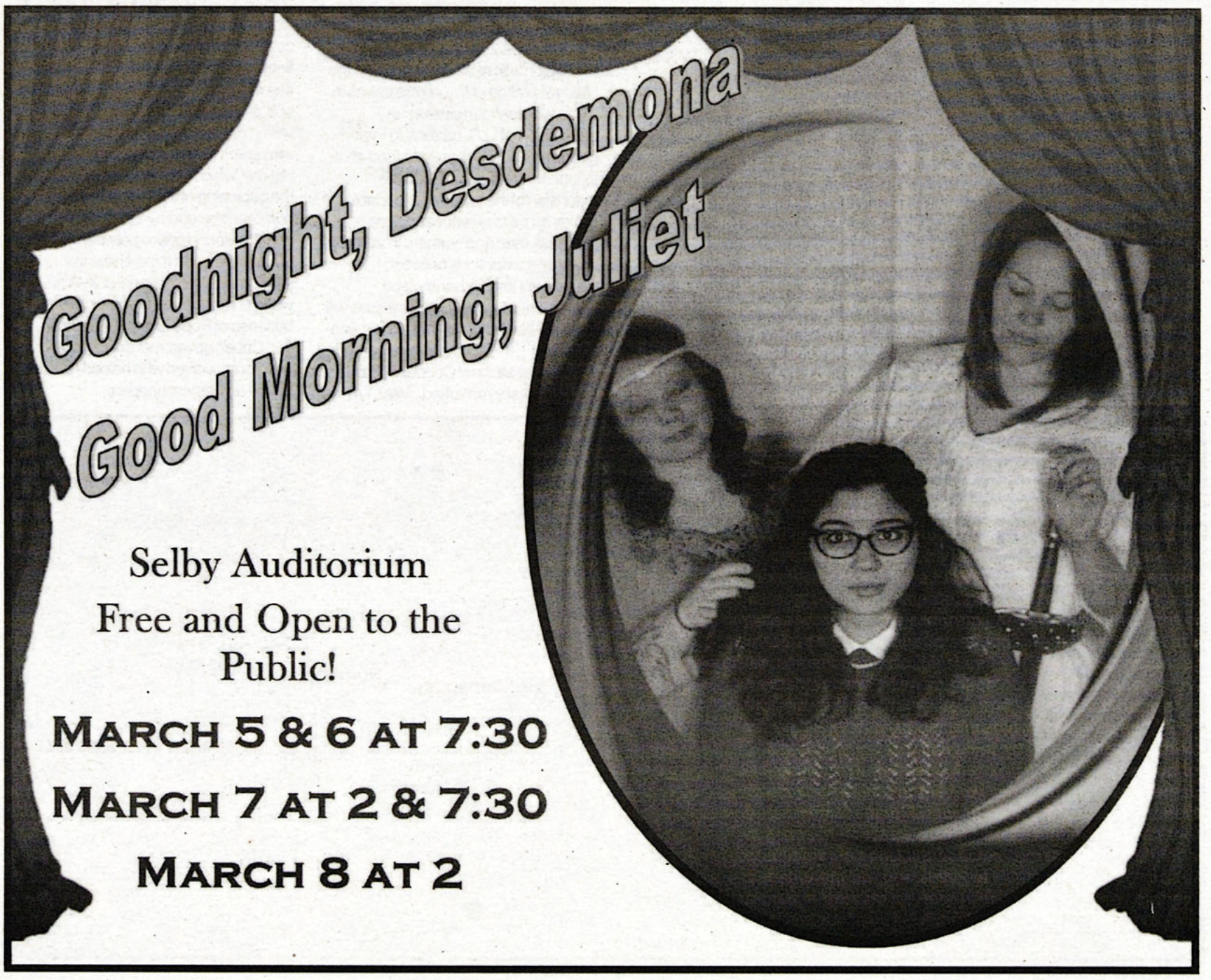
Nuclear fusion is a natural process that occurs in the center of the sun and all stars.

There is now technology to study nuclear fusion and the feasibility of using it as an alternative source of energy. Project ITER is a global project researching nuclear fusion. ITER, Latin for "the way", is funded by the European Union, China, India, South Korea, Russia, and the U.S. The project was started nearly thirty years ago when it was first proposed by General Secretary Garbachev of the former Soviet Union at the Geneva Superpower Summit in 1985. Construction of a nuclear fusion power plant for project ITER began back in 2010 and is expected to be completed in 2019. The nuclear fusion plant is being built in Cadarache, France.

For ITER to work, the new nuclear fusion power plant needs equipment and technology that nuclear fission power plants do not have. A tokamak is a piece of equipment that was designed and created solely for nuclear fusion. Tokamaks are were the nuclear fusion takes place. Fusion For Energy, a website created by the European Union as part of their contribution to ITER, says that the two atoms, usually deuterium and tritium, are heated to 150 million degrees Celsius. At the beginning of the process, the atoms are in a gaseous form. Once the temperature is raised, the two gases are turned into plasma, the fourth state of matter. It is during this time that the nuclei of the deuterium and tritium are fused together. The end product of this process is a helium atom, a neutron, and enormous amounts of energy.

Project ITER is focused mainly on studying the plasma produced during fusion and the technologies to be used in the coming power plant. The ITER team believes that should project ITER be successful, it will bring about the Age of Fusion.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Campus News

Sowing Seeds of Peace

By Christine Bocchino
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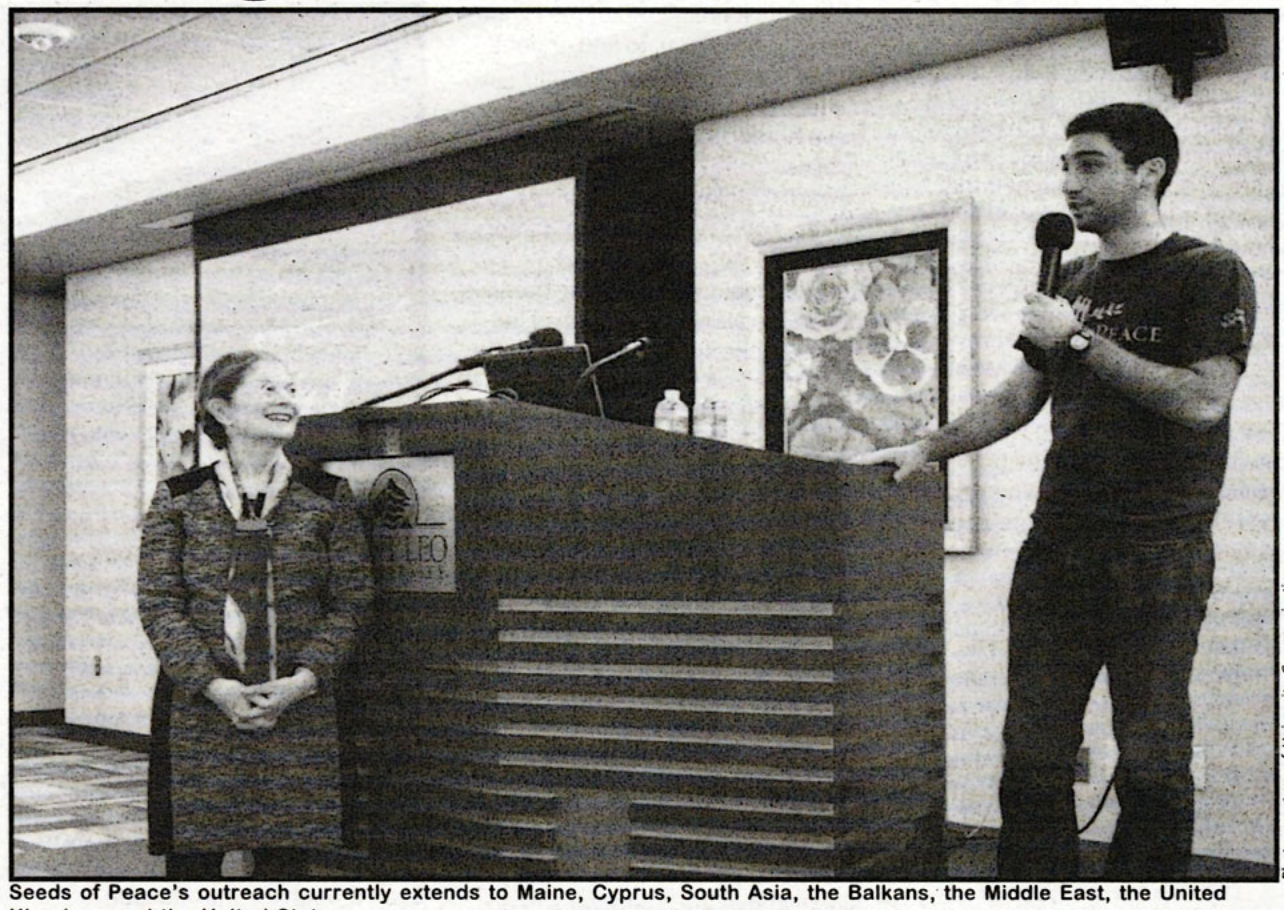

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Seeds of Peace's outreach currently extends to Maine, Cyprus, South Asia, the Balkans, the Middle East, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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As a result of the continued efforts from members such as Glottschalk, the Seeds of Peace organization have amounted over 20 years of inspiring new generations and providing them with the skills and values developing them into adept leaders in assuring peace.

Founded in 1993 by foreign affairs journalist John Wallach, Seeds of Peace is "a summer camp for kids from conflict areas of the world so they can meet each other on equal footing," according to Barbara Gottschalk. With a background in social work, Gottschalk is the co-founder of the nonprofit organization and has been an integral part of Seeds of Peace ever since.

"I figured out how to go to camp every summer even though I'm 72 years old," Gottschalk laughed. "I love it."

As a part of the University Speaker Series, Gottschalk spoke on Tuesday about world peace and how Seeds of Peace works towards presenting it to those who were born and raised around war.

"It gives them a change to get to know people their age from the other side of the conflict *as human beings*," Gottschalk said about the organization.

During the presentation, Gottschalk showed a portion of the SEEDS Documentary, which was a film produced which recorded the entire two-week camp in 2002. The film circulated around film festivals and spread the message of peace throughout the world, a message which had seemingly grown even more implausible over the past few years, especially in the Middle East.

"There's so much more money in war than there is in peace," said Laila Abdelaziz a Palestinian refugee in the audience who now works in the states for CAIR – the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Abdelaziz shared the same apprehensions as the kids portrayed in the documentary on their first few days of camp. One doubtful child in the video asked, "How can we talk with people that murder us?"

The camp forces kids to live in coexistence with the "enemy," and the process for selection is extensive so that the right students are selected. The students are strategically selected by their governments to attend the program.

"There's such a varied pool of kids but they're all special kids, they all have leadership qualities," said Misha Mehrel, a camp counselor at Seeds of Peace. "The pool of kids that are selected affects not just the experience of kids from the 'other side' but kids from their side also – meeting kids from a different socioeconomic background, meeting kids from refugee camps."

The summer camp with a serious twist is not only an incredible experience for the students who participate, but those who lead the program, who get the privilege to see kids who have been through such hardships, and seen so much violence in their daily lives, and watch them learn to be tolerable and promote peace. Not all of the children understand the concept of peace at the beginning of camp. Growing up in areas in constant turmoil and conflict, many find themselves questioning the possibility of peace in their home countries.

"It is so disheartening," Mehrel said about the violence. "It was verbalized one day right in my face by a bunch of the kids who sat with me and were like 'I don't understand what you expect from us but *we're here*. This camp has been here for almost 20 years now, so you think things are going to change? Look at where we are now.' Sometimes you don't know what to say – you don't have an answer for that. No one really does."

Even so, the camp teaches kids to open up to each other and share their stories. The SEEDS Documentary demonstrated the evolution of the kids' opinions as their minds were opened up to the sufferings of their "enemies" and they started to have hope for future peace.

Even after the students return home, Seeds of Peace continues to keep that hope alive.

"The Israelis and the Palestinians meet in neutral places maybe once a month. They have meetings in between that are just for their country," said Gottschalk.

Some students return to the camp again and again, while other "seeds" move on and spread the word about peace. There are seeds in the media, some in the government, and some serving as diplomats, but *all* continue to spread Wallach's message throughout the world.

Arts & Entertainment

A Game Hidden in Darkest Shadow

By Austin Chiavaroli
Staff Writer

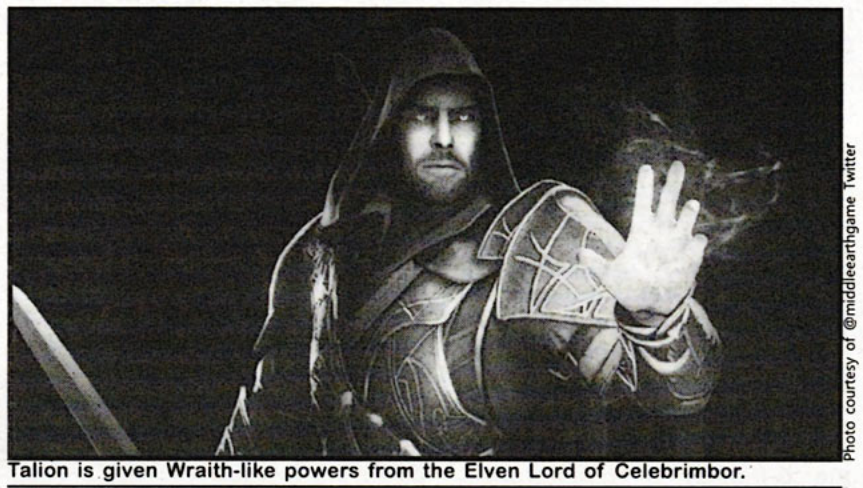
With the "Hobbit" movies being big blockbusters the past few years, it could be assumed that games were to accompany them. Though there have been some "Hobbit" based games, there is another game based on Tolkien's books that isn't about the movies. "Middle-Earth: Shadow of Mordor," developed by Monolith Productions, is an action open world RPG (role playing game) that takes place between the events of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" movie trilogies.

The player plays as Talion, a ranger much like Aragorn from the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The armies of the Dark Lord himself, Sauron, murdered his family. Now banished from death, Talion seeks his revenge. He has been given wraith-like powers to help him exact his revenge by the wraith of the Elven Lord Celebrimbor.

There are a two types of missions the player can choose from in the main gameplay. The main missions relate to the main plot and pushes the story onward. Side missions allow the player to follow the iconic "Lord of the Rings" character, Gollum, to find artifacts about the past of Celebrimbor. Other side missions have Talion save human slaves taken by Uruk armies. Completing missions reward the player with experience points, power value, and in-game currency.

The main feature of the game is called the Nemesis system. The game tracks specific leading Uruk soldiers as part of Sauron's army and, once dead, the army gets weaker. When one of these leaders is killed, it drops a rune which can be picked up to upgrade some buffs on Talion's weapons. However, if the player is killed by a leader, it then becomes stronger and is raised in difficulty. Uruk are able to learn in this game and even seek revenge on Talion if they survive an encounter with him.

The combat in the game is done much like the systems in recent "Assassin Creed" and "Batman Arkham" games. There is a dodge mechanic that creates a signal above the character's head when an enemy is about to attack. Though there is a bow used for range attacks, it is more likely that most players will use the melee



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Talion is given Wraith-like powers from the Elven Lord of Celebrimbor.

system as it is simpler and normally always lands a hit. Later on in the game, when the difficulty gets higher, some of the mechanics used to warn of an attack will not be there and it will be up to the player to catch the attack before it is too late. This makes the game more challenging and a lot more fun.

Though many good things have been said about this game, there is still one issue this game fails at, and that is the main campaign. Even though the introduction is done quite well, the game's story soon begins to drag and become boring until the end climax. Though there are a few main missions that give insight on some characters, they still don't bring as much to story as the movies do.

"Middle- Earth: Shadow of Mordor" has been a big surprise to some, since past Tolkien book based games have either fallen flat or never even made it off the ground. It has a lot of good qualities and options that have made past games stand out from others. Some gamers have even called it one of the best games of 2014. With all of that said, this games gets a 4.6/5, if you are a fan of the Tolkien book based games, then you are definitely going to like this gem.

College Days
Created by Austin Chiavaroli

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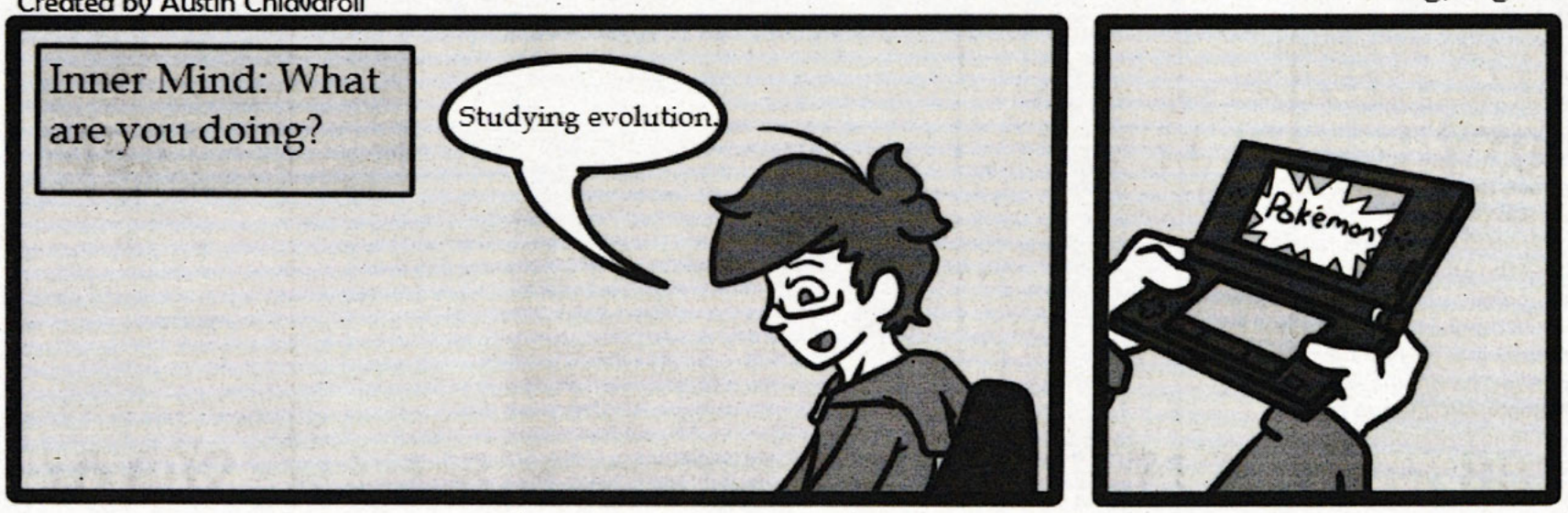

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Arts & Entertainment

Tried and Tired Formula

By Matt Vandenburgh
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Imagine Dragons attempted to follow up the success of their 2012 double platinum debut album, "Night Visions," with the recent release of "Smoke + Mirrors." While they retained their pleasant beat and tone, they failed to replicate the quality of their previous release.

"Smoke + Mirrors" kept the musical structure of the old album, with blaring choruses and a drumline to match, as well as the lyrical concepts of being to blame and working towards forgiveness.

Unfortunately, this leads to them having similar material and not allowing any of the songs to resonate with listeners. "Gold," "I Bet My Life" and "The Fall" are all very good songs, yet they lack any zest to make them worthy of a playlist. Simply keeping the beat and pace from "Night Visions" and replacing the lyrics with similar thematic wording does not make for a memorable album.

Lead singer Dan Reynolds does display his signature high tenor, one of the main reasons for this band's fame. Reynolds seems to use his struggles with depression to fuel his singing, which gives him a raw, emotional believability to his vocals.

For a band that has their songs used in multiple advertisements, as well as being used in many popular shows and sporting events, it is disappointing that they don't come up with a new song that will help them maintain their popularity.

It is also disheartening to see them miss the mark with this album, as they are one of the few rock bands that pierce through the vapid wasteland of mainstream pop and hip-hop. For rock to keep pace, it would have been better to see a more diverse song listing, rather than pigeon-holing themselves with the same style as "Night Visions."

Even with these flaws, "Smoke + Mirrors" still has a listenable quality, even if it is not an album that you would repeat often. For fans of Imagine Dragons, this album is worth getting, but for new audiences, take "Night Visions" instead.

I give this album a rating of 3/5 stars

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Imagine Dragons originally formed in Las Vegas, NV.

50 Shades of Boredom and Uneasiness

By Austin Chiavaroli
Staff Writer

The erotic film industry is always getting new material and films that either go into "adult" theaters or Cinemax. However, "50 Shades of Grey," directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson, was able to receive a public theater release. The movie is an adaptation of the first book in the 50 Shades book series, written by E.L. James. Naturally, fans of this book series were thrilled, worried, and skeptical on how the film would turn out.

The story is about undergraduate college student Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson). When she goes to interview corporate executive, Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan), for her college newspaper, the young man begins to show signs of interest in her. After the interview is over, he randomly shows up at her part-time job, as if he is stalking her. Taken aback by the surprise visit, Anastasia asks for him to do a photo shoot to help with her with her article. When he agrees, he continues to show interest until they finally begin going out together and dating.

Anastasia soon signs a contract stating she gives consent to have a sexual relationship on Mr. Grey's terms. They begin to experiment as Mr. Grey shows her how far his tastes of erotic bondage and BDSM go. However, when Mr. Grey's tastes get a little bit more rough and disturbing than Anastasia had expected, she realizes she might have picked the wrong man to get in a relationship with.

This film has been very controversial for a variety of reasons. Some members of the fan base and the public in general see the film as a distasteful public display of pornography. Though it is changing the idea of what can and can't be placed in movie theaters, the film is still in regular movie theaters for everyone 17 and older to see.

One of the biggest arguments against the movie is that the contract gave Mr. Grey almost full possession over Anastasia. Many feminists see this as a way of making male domination of women socially acceptable.

"Christian's possession of Anastasia is the cause of much of my disgust and fear of the book's influence on people and how they view romantic relationships," said blogger Carry Purcell.

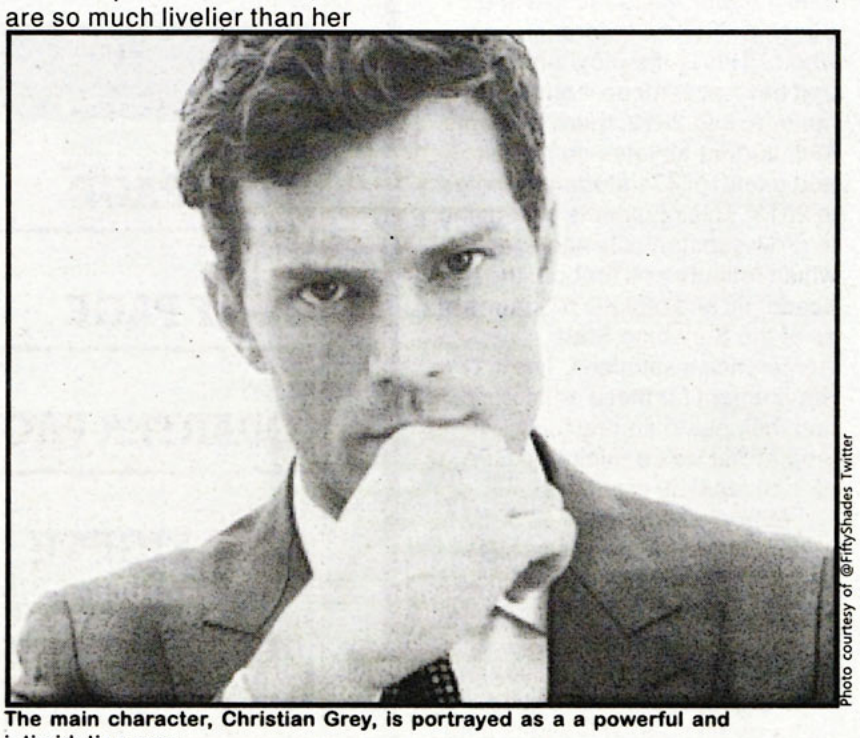
Another argument is that it promotes the sexist stereotyping that women will be okay with stalking and other disturbing actions as long as the man doing it is rich and attractive, rather than a financially lower and unattractive man.

The movie itself is full of many issues as well. The acting is stilted, the sexual scenes are very boring, and the movie is just not pleasing to watch. There are many scenes that are supposed to be sexually pleasing, but they just come off as uncomfortable and difficult to watch.

The film is also missing some of the interior monolog that makes the book more enticing to read.

"Above all, we are denied James's personifications, which are so much livelier than her characters," said Anthony Lane of "New Yorker."

"50 Shades of Grey" is a movie that should've been put instantly onto Cinemax or any other appropriate place online for extreme erotic fiction. The whole film feels dirty and just wasn't meant for regular movie theatres to show. For those who are into BDSM, this movie may or may not be for you as even some fans of BDSM have stated that the film negatively portrays them. This movie gets the rating of 1/5.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The main character, Christian Grey, is portrayed as a a powerful and intimidating man.

Sports

Saint Leo Fall Athletes seated at the Head of the Class

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Saint Leo is a campus which is filled with successful individuals. The staff that is hired here are some of the best, and this is easy to see simply by looking at the high success rate of the students. There are a wide range of majors and other fields of study that Saint Leo offers to its students. Within each area, students are also provided with the optimum amount of resources in order to excel within each area. Saint Leo takes great pride in the academic success of all of the students. There is an optimum ability for success that is able to be translated into landing a successful career in the years to come. The athletic program is another part of Saint Leo that provides student athletes a chance for additional success. The University's fall sports teams all finished up with an outstanding end to their season, considering all of them made it into postseason play. Not only did these athletes come out and give it their best on the field this fall, they also demonstrated an outstanding semester in the classroom.

"I am very excited that our best athletic semester - all five teams made NCAA post-season - was also our best academic semester. Our 3.192 grade point average for our student athletes is our best semester ever," said Saint Leo University Director of Athletics Fran Reidy. These athletes were able to show off their athletic and academic skills this fall, and they were able to break a number of different records in both areas.

The 2014 Sunshine State Conference Fall Commissioner's Honor Roll was released on Feb. 11 with 490 names of student athletes in the conference. This total number was a record for the Sunshine State Conference as a whole. This is the most athletes that have ever made it onto the honor roll. In 2012, there was only 438 student athletes on the list and a total of 471 student athletes in 2013. This number is continuing to grow substantially each year, which reflects well for both the academic and athletic programs of all of the Sunshine State Conference institutions. The requirement for these athletes to find their name among this quite lengthy list was a minimum GPA of 3.20 on a 4.0 grading scale.

Every fall team here at Saint Leo has athletes on this year's list. A total of 53 student athletes from Saint Leo made their names onto this least meaning they acquired at least a 3.20 grade point average, and four of these had a perfect 4.0. The teams that were eligible for this honor were the Men and Women's soccer teams, the Men and Women's cross country teams, and the Women's Volleyball team.

The Men's soccer team finished their season in athletics by tying their record for the highest finish in post season in the NCAA Division II South Region Finals, along with a final overall record of 10-4-4. They also were able to parallel this dominance in the classrooms of Saint Leo. The team had the highest amount of athletes on the list with a total of 16 athletes.

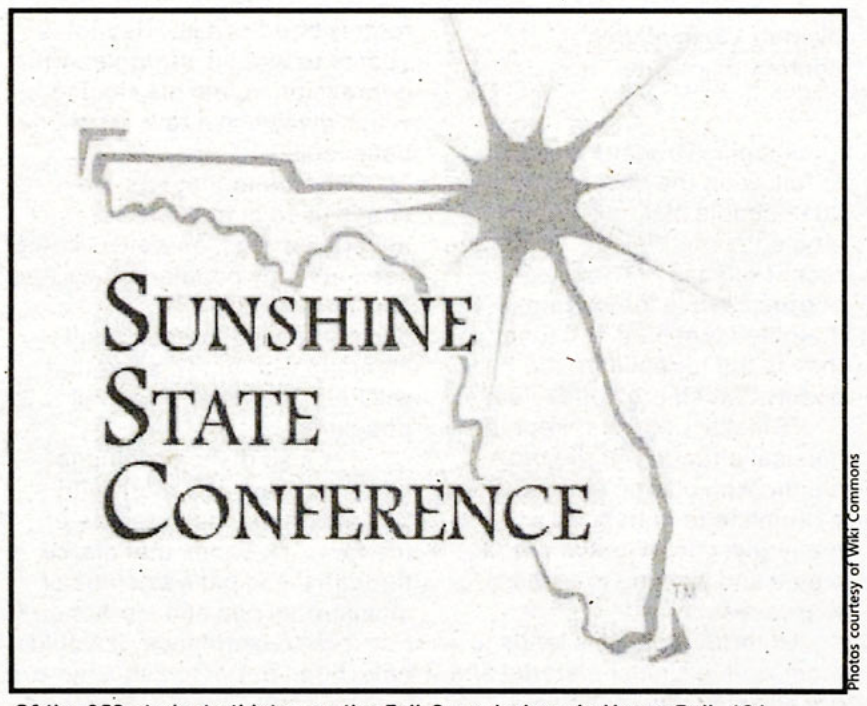
The volleyball team made it all the way to the NCAA Division II South Region Quarterfinal match, along with an impressive 10 members making it on the Honor Roll.

Women's Cross Country also added 10 athletes to the mix, along with finishing 28th in their first National Championship race in program history.

Women's Soccer follows close behind with nine on the list, and a finish in the third round of the NCAA Division II Soccer Championships.

Finally, Men's cross country is able to add eight to the list, along with a 31st place finish in the National Championship race.

"These results are a combination of hard working students and coaches who recruit strong student-athletes and then ensure they attend class and study hall," said Reidy. "Finally, we have a fantastic faculty which is great to work with and who are willing to help their students be the best they can be."



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Of the 958 student-athletes on the Fall Commissioner's Honor Roll, 134 student-athletes achievevd a 4.0 GPA.

These athletes can always be found working harder to improve each day. They spend majority of their time on the field or in the gym, and then the time they have left over, they are in the library or in the classroom working hard academically as well. Most coaches have mandatory study hall for the students to ensure that even after a busy day, the athletes are able to have that extra motivation to continue that drive and push any leftover energy towards their academics.

It is truly remarkable that these student athletes are able to accomplish all that they do on the field, and are still able to excel off the field as well. It is all of that passion and focus, along with incredible staff that allows them to keep pushing forward. They are able to prove to themselves and everyone around them that they can accomplish any difficult obstacle that gets put in their way to the best of their ability.

This 2014 Fall Commissioner's Honor Roll list is just one small piece of evidence towards many used to represent the success of Saint Leo's academic and athletic programs, which are based solely upon the success of the student athletes themselves.

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